

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Study program		Theological master program		
Module		Liturgicak-Legal		
Type and level of studies		<i>Master</i>		
Course name		Marital Law		
Teacher (lectures)		Devrnja Zoran, Jovic Rastko		
Teacher/Associate (exercises)				
Teacher/Associate (additional forms of)				
ECTS	6	Course status (obligatory/elective)	elective	
Attendance				
Course objectives	Introducing students to the theological, canonical and liturgical foundation of holy matrimony, consideration of ecclesial and soteriological aspects of the institution of marriage, mastering the canonical tradition of marriage, gaining theological knowledge and practical skills for independent pastoral work with the faithful who are married or want to marry, as well as skills in creating a socially responsible awareness of the married to the ecclesial community and the wider social environment.			
Learning outcomes	Attainment of advanced professional and theoretical competences in the field of the Church Marital Law, Church marital administration, introduction to the marital rules of the Serbian Orthodox Church and applicative competence in performing practical skills of pastoral ministry.			
Course content				
Lectures	1. Theological foundations of Church marriage, Old and New Testament witness; 2. Liturgical dimension of marriage - analysis of liturgical sources and their historical ecclesiological contextualization; 3. Canonical tradition on marriage and customary law; 4. The requirements for marriage - the analysis of the spiritual, civic and legal requirements for marriage; 5. Marriage obstacles - immovability and removability of marriage obstacles, the concept and consequences of the nullity of marriage; 6. Marriage ban - the consequences of entering matrimony due to the existence of marital prohibitions; 7. Mixed marriage - conditions for concluding a mixed marriage, analysis of civil and ecclesial consequences; 8. The second and third marriage, the phenomenon of entering into matrimony more than once, canonical and the liturgical aspects of this phenomenon, canonical limits; 9. Divorce – canonical, civil, and legal preconditions for divorce, the consequences of divorce, jurisdiction of the Great Ecclesiastical Court in matters of divorce of a church marriage; 10. Introduction to Marital rules of the Serbian Orthodox Church and a comparative analysis of this document and the current state legislation on marriage.			
Practical classes (exercises, additional forms of classes, research work)	Same thematic units in applicative embodiment; practical insight into canons and ecclesial regulations that define the jurisdiction and responsibilities of Church institutions in terms of marriage, divorce, concluding of a mixed marriage; acquaintance with Marital rules of the Serbian Orthodox Church; indication of groundbreaking events regarding the canonical and liturgical understanding of Church marriage in Church history and theological tradition.			
Literature				
1	Д. Перић, Црквено право, Правни факултет Универзитета у Београду, Београд, 1997.			
2	Ј. Мајендорф, „Брак - православна перспектива“, Отачник, Београд, 2013.			
	З. Деврња, „Поимање брака у Новом Завету“, Црквене студије 6, Црквене студије, Ниш, 2013.			
4	/, Свети Архијерејски сабор СПЦ, Брачна правила СПЦ, Београд, 1957.			
5				
Number of hours per week				
Lectures	Exercises	forms of	Research work	Other classes
2	1			
Coursework methods	Verbal-textual, illustrative, demonstrative			
Knowledge evaluation (maximum number of points 100)				
Pre-exam requirements	Points	Final exam		Points
Class activity	10	Written exam		70
Practical classes	10	Oral exam		
Colloquia				
Seminars	10			